# The Coast Guard's Role in Force Protection and Anti-Terrorism





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# The Fifth...and Smallest... U.S. Military Service

- The Coast Guard <u>is</u> one of the five U.S. Military Services!
  - ➤ 14 USC 1: "...a military service and a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States at all times..."
  - ▶ 14 USC 2: "...maintain a state of readiness to function as a specialized service in the Navy in time of war..."
  - ➤ 14 USC 141: ...authorized to assist DoD in any activity for which the Coast Guard is especially qualified...
- Served alongside U.S. Navy in "joint ops" since 1797
- NOT constrained by Posse Comitatus Act!

Military...Multimission...Maritime...

### **Broad Mandate: Five Core Roles**

- Maritime Safety save lives and property at sea
- Protection of Natural Resources protect the marine environment and living marine resources
- Maritime Mobility provide a safe and efficient maritime transportation system
- Maritime Security enforce laws and treaties and defend maritime borders
- National Defense defend national security interests, and conduct peacetime, crisis, and wartime military operations



### National Defense and Maritime Security Missions

- > 1995 DoD-DoT Memorandum of Agreement:
  - General Defense Operations
  - Maritime Interception Operations
  - Port Operations, Security, and Defense
  - Peacetime Military Engagement
  - Military Environmental Response Operations
  - Coastal Sea Control Operations (2001)
- "Routine" law enforcement operations require similar capabilities as force protection and anti-terrorism operations



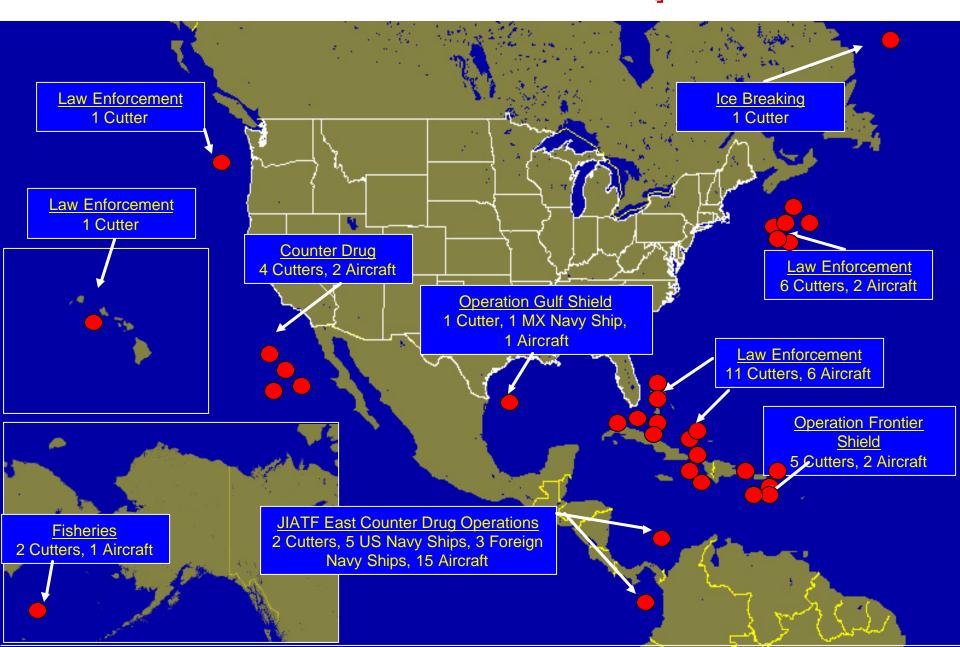


## Capabilities for Crises, Contingencies, and Conflicts

- Port Security Units
- Harbor Defense Commands
- Coastal patrol boats
- Major cutters with helos
- Patrol/logistics aircraft
- Boarding teams
- Shipboard helo detachments
- Environmental response teams
- Search & rescue units
- Explosive loading teams
- Aids-to-navigation teams

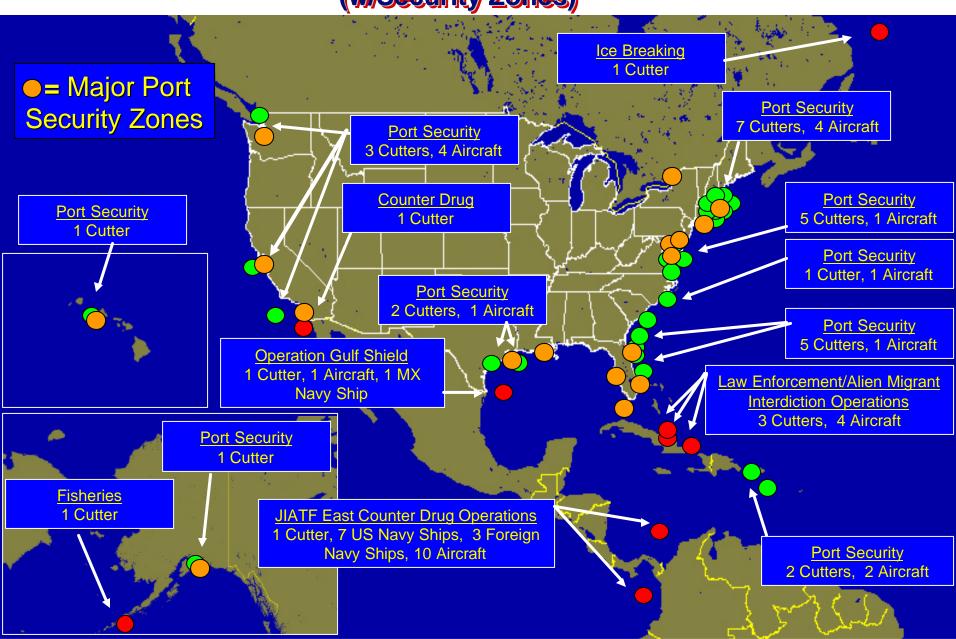


### USCG Cutters and Aircraft: September 10th



#### **USCG Cutters and Aircraft: October 9th**

(w/Security Zones)



# USCG Operations in Support of Operation Enduring Freedom

- Port Operations, Security, and Defense tasks to protect:
  - Overseas and domestic strategic ports
  - Harbor areas
  - Littoral infrastructure
- Expeditionary Port Security Units
  - 6 armed fastboats and 117 personnel
  - > 24/7 waterborne and pierside presence
- PSU 311 sent to Arabian Gulf
- Harbor Defense Commands
  - Joint organization
  - Robust C4ISR capability





### Maritime Homeland Security

- Awareness, Prevention, Response, and Consequence Management throughout the maritime domain:
  - High seas beyond the Exclusive Economic Zone
  - Exclusive Economic Zone 200 nm
  - Contiguous zone 24 nm
  - Territorial seas 12 nm
  - Inland ports and waterways



## Maritime Homeland Security Continued...

- Key USCG capabilities:
  - Broad regulatory and enforcement authority
  - Effective presence by forward deployed assets
  - Intelligence infrastructure
  - Captain of the Port system
  - National Strike Teams
  - Close coordination with federal, state, and local agencies



### Expeditionary Harbor Defense Package

(Layered Defense of a Port)



Air Defense USAF/USN CV



USCG (WHEC/WMEC) Layer - 1

Layer 1
USCG WHEC/WMEC or USN
(C4ISR, Intercept and Engage)

USCG VBSS TEAMS (Interdiction)

WPB Escort Zone

CG(PBs)/USN PCs
Layer - 2

USCG TPSB

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PSU Safety Zone PSU Security Zone PSU Reaction Zone



Layer 2
USCG WPBs/USN PCs
(Intercept and Engage)

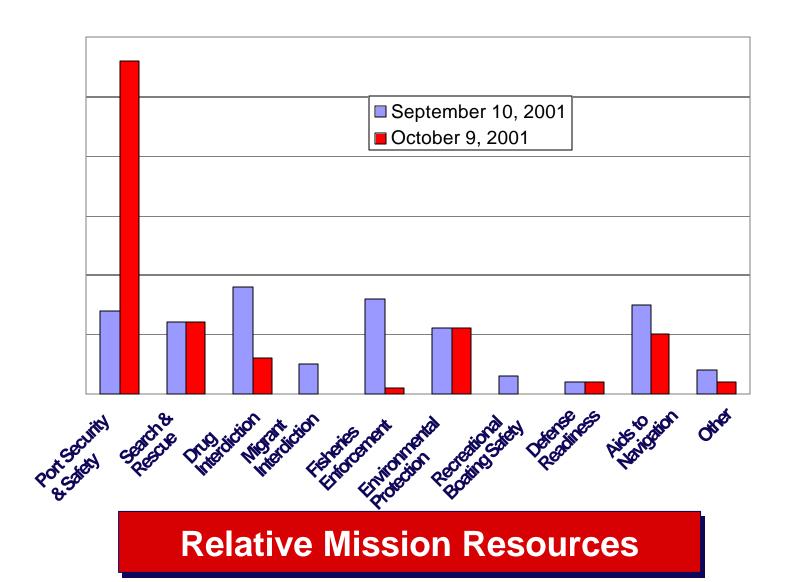
Layer 3
Harbor Defense

**USN/USCG HDC Units** (Command and Control)

USN MIUWU/IBU (C4ISR)

USCG PSU (Intercept and Engage)

### Force Protection and Anti-Terrorism Challenges: "New Normalcy" for Domestic Operations



### Force Protection and Anti-Terrorism Challenges: Achieving Maritime Domain Awareness

#### Goal:

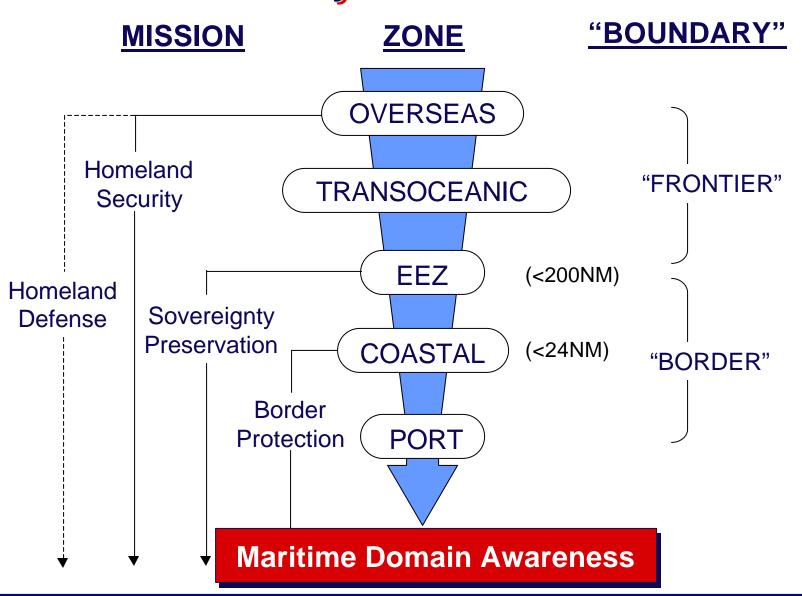
Monitor 100% of vessels identified as security threats while enabling legitimate ships, cargo, and people to move unimpeded

#### Requirements:

- Common operational picture through robust C4ISR
- Integrated Deepwater System Program
- National Defense and Response System Modernization Project
- Effective interagency, joint, and combined operations

Effective knowledge of all activities in the maritime domain that threaten the safety, security, or environment of the United States, its citizens, or its vital interests

# Maritime Homeland Security: A Layered Defense



### Force Protection and Anti-Terrorism Challenges: Command and Control

Legacy command and control systems are limited in coverage and capability and expensive to operate and maintain

National Distress and Response System Modernization Project:

- Improved USCG asset tracking
- High capacity, high coverage, and secure voice and data comms
- Improved interoperability and commonality



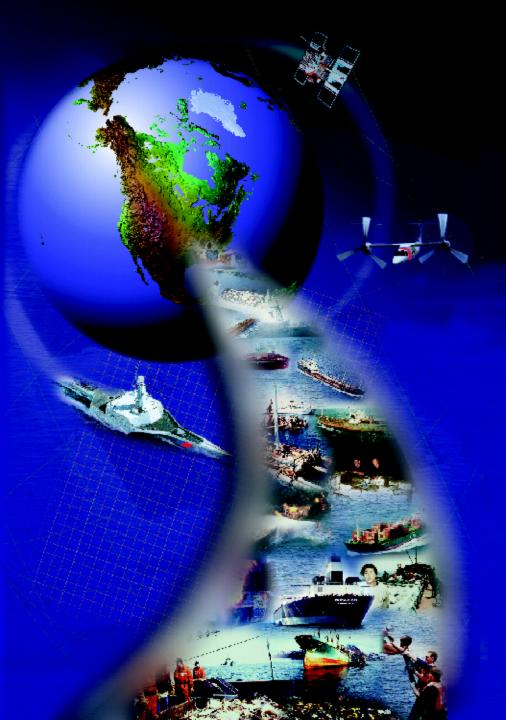
### Force Protection and Anti-Terrorism Challenges: Need for Revitalized Deepwater Capabilities

- Legacy Deepwater assets are aging, obsolescent, and expensive to operate and maintain
- Deepwater Program acquisition strategy:
  - Integrated "System of Systems" of cutters, aircraft, C4ISR systems, and shoreside infrastructure and logistics support
  - Robust capability, interoperability, agility, speed, and endurance
  - ▶ \$12B-\$15B over 20-plus years to acquire new and modernize Deepwater assets









"I want the World's best multimission coastguard... not the world's second-best navy."

> Admiral James Loy Coast Guard Commandant

"Our policy has been and will continue to be to ensure the Coast Guard is prepared to carry out assigned naval warfare tasks."

Admiral Vernon Clark
 Chief of Naval Operations

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